Refugees management and national security strategy: a case study of Refugees Management in Kenya
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Abstract:
This research focused on the refugee and the national security strategy a case of refugee management in Kenya. The research begins with an examination and analysis of the history of refugees in the world with special interests on the horn of Africa then zeroed on Kenyan case that is the main target of this research. This provides a background to the understanding of the refugee problem in Kenya hence how they impacted on the national security strategy in Kenya. The study was carried out among various government and non-governmental agents who are concern with refugee problem in Kenya. The study examined various policies that deal with refugee affairs in Kenya. In order to understand how the refugees impacted on the national security strategy of Kenya. The study indicated the relationship between the refugees and the National Security Strategy, a case of refugee management in Kenya. The main objective of the study was to assess the place of refugee management in national security strategy in Kenya. The study was guided by two hypotheses; the presence of refugees is part of a wider web of legal, political and human security issues that affect Kenya's security strategy and regional security issues that lead to forceful migration of populations are strategy. The study was guided by three theories; realist theory, systems theory and human security paradigm theory. The research indicated that, most of the refugees that came to Kenya, were members of umed groups that were fighting in their home countries. Since they could not divorce rom their military skills most of them would militarize and maintain contacts with the fighting groups. This allowed proliferation of small arms and light weapons that has threatened the local residents of Kenya and affected the national security strategy of the country. This impacted on local security of the Kenyan people. The study also extensively discussed approaches that the government of Kenya took to manage refugees living in Kenya and finally discussed the impact of refugees on the national strategic plan then raised the recommendations on what Kenya should do to ensure protection of refugees and the local citizens.